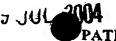
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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1.	Statement		
	Novelty (N)	Claims 1 - 20	YES
		Claims	NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1 - 20	YES
		Claims	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1 - 20	YES
		Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

NOVELTY AND INVENTIVE STEP: Claims 1 - 20:

The documents cited in the International Search report are all "A" category documents and as such represent only background art.

The claims are considered to be novel and to involve an inventive step.

INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY:

All the claims are industrially applicable.